



STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 9-5-23

AGENDA ITEM #: 23-93
COUNCIL MTG OF: August 15, 2023
FROM: Highway Safety Committee
OFFERED BY: Scott Savard, Highway Safety Committee Chair
PREPARED BY: Jill Jamro, Executive Secretary, DPW
SUBJECT: Request to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance for a new stop sign at Jefferson Street at High Street.

PURPOSE: The Highway Safety Committee is seeking the Town Council’s approval to amend both the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Part II Stop and Yield Intersections.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

BACKGROUND: A resident of Derry asked that this issue be placed on the Highway Safety Committee Agenda in June.

DISCUSSION: The Highway Safety Committee discussed the issue at their June 15, 2023, meeting and determined there are safety issues for pedestrians. The Highway Safety Committee recommends amending the traffic ordinance to make the intersection at Jefferson Street at High Street a stop sign instead of a yield in the westbound direction.

The Highway Safety Committee by unanimous decision recommends that the Town Council amend the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Part II Section §150-10A – to add a stop sign at Jefferson Street at High Street in the westbound direction and to remove the Jefferson Street from High Street from the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Part II Section §150-10B.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$125.00 to remove the yield sign and install a stop sign and post, not including staff time.

RECOMMENDATION: The Highway Safety Committee recommends that the Town Council amend the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance and approve the attached motion (please see adopted minutes).

MOTION: The Derry Town Council MOVES to amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article Section §150-10A– Stop intersections to read:

Jefferson Street @ High Street (westbound)

And to remove the intersection at Jefferson @ High Street from Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Article Part II Section §150-10B as a yield.

Please see Ordinance #2023-007

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ORDINANCE
Number 2023-007

Amendment to Traffic Ordinance, Section 150-10 –
Traffic Control Signs on Jefferson Street

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter vests in the Town Council the powers of the legislative and governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is responsible for adopting and amending town ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Traffic Committee has reviewed traffic movements and recommended an adjustment to those movements at the intersection of Jefferson Street and High Street; and,

WHEREAS, public safety will be enhanced through this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town’s Traffic Ordinance, Section 150-10, Enumeration of Intersections, is hereby amended per the following:

Section 150-10A Stop Sign – Add Jefferson Street westbound at High Street.

Section 150-10B Yield Sign – Remove Jefferson Street westbound at High Street

This Resolution shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

Adopted: September 5, 2023

Attest:

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Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: _____

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____